on overhead system (ii) removal of defects in cables feeding street light poles and boxes; and (iii) issue of guidelines to public.

(c) During the period 1-7-85 to 25-7-85, electrocution cases in the DESU network have occurred on 11th, 15th and 18th July, 1985 causing death of 3 persons.

Complimentary Passes in Railways

920. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Complimentary (MANAD) passes are still being issued to some special categories of persons;

(b) if so, what are the names and details of such persons to whom such passes were issued during 1983-84 and so far in 1985; and

(c) what are the criteria and procedure laid down for issuing such passes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Yes, Sir, Complimentary Card Passes are being issued sparingly to Non-Railwaymen/Organisations based on merits and justification of each case.

(b) A list is attached. (*See* Appendix CXXXV, annexure No. 23)

(c) The Complimentary Card Passes are issued with the personal approval of the Minister for Railways based on merits and justification of each case.

Introduction of a New Cancer Insurance Scheme

921. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR SAHU: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a new cancer insurance scheme has been introduced by Government to provide relief to cancer victims;

(b) if so, what are the salient features of this scheme;

(c) whether Government propose to open detection centres for availing of the facility by the patients; and

(d) what are the places where such centres for medial check up are proposed to be opened?

THE MINISTER OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) and (b) No, Sir, Government of India have not introduced any scheme for insurance of cancer patients. However, the Indian Cancer Society, Bombay, has in collaboration with the New India Assurance Company Ltd., introduced a scheme, the salient features of which are annexed as statement.

(c) and (d) Grants for setting up early Detection Centres are sanctioned on receipt of proposals from the State Governments/U.T. Governments/voluntary Institutions subject to their fulfilling the criteria relating to staff and acommodation. Grants have been given for setting up 27 such Centres with the aid of Government of India and the W.H.O. under the Cancer Research and Treatment Programme. 25 Post Partum PAP Smear Testing Units are also functioning in Various medical colleges under the National Family Welfare Programme.

Statement

Salient features of the new Cancer Insurance Policy:

The Prime Minister of India Shri Rajiv Gandhi, inaugurated the Membership-cum-Insurance Scheme against Cancer, in New Delhi on the 11th July, 85.

According to the agreement between New India Assurance and the Indian Cancer Society anyone who wants to avail of this cover has to join the Indian Cancer Society as its member, the only condition being that at the time of seeking the membership, the